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Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97(b), Applicants bring to the attention of the Examiner the documents listed on the attached PTO 1449. This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits for the above-referenced application.

Pursuant to the Patent Office's waiver of the requirement under 37 C.F.R. 1.98(a)(2)(i) to submit a copy of U.S. patent documents, Applicants are not attaching copies of the U.S. patent documents listed on the accompanying Form PTO 1449.

Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the listed documents and indicate that they were considered by making appropriate notations on the attached form.

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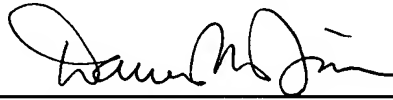
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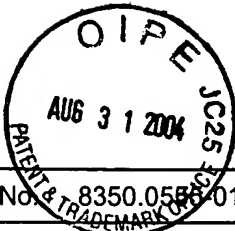
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